GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:332
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2004
DIRECT TO HOME BY DOORDARSHAN
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government target to make available the programmes of all the television channels in 10 crore households through DTH;

(b) if so, the total number of channels to be covered under DTH;

(c) the number of States where this system is likely to be introduced;

(d) the fund which has so far been spent by the Government on this scheme;

(e) whether the Government has already spent a sum of rupees 165 crores on this scheme; and

(f) the details of the areas where the households taking benefit thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Test transmission in Ku-band has been started by Doordarshan and its signals are available throughout the country except Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(b) & (c) There would be 30 TV channels (17 DD channels and 13 private channels) besides AIR`s channels in the Doordarshan`s bouquet. Test transmission with 30 TV channels and 12 Radio channels is going on. The details of the channels are given in the Annexure.

(d) to (f) Ku-Band signals are available throughout the country except A&N Islands and can be received anywhere with the help of a small sized dish receive unit. Doordarshan`s Ku-band transmission project was approved at a total cost of Rs.164.35 crores. An expenditure of Rs.33.26 crores has been incurred till October, 2004.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 332 FOR ANSWER ON 02.12.2004

DD Direct + Bouquet of channels

Doordarshan channels	Radio (AIR) channels
1 DD 1 National	1 AIR Vividh Bharati
2 DD News	2 AIR Telugu
3 DD Sports	3 AIR Marathi
4 DD Bharati	4 AIR Tamil
5 DD Gyan Darshan	5 AIR Gujarati
6 DD India	6 AIR Kannada
7 DD Bangla	7 AIR Bangla
8 DD Chandana	8 AIR Hindi
9 DD Gujarati	9 AIR North East
10 DD Kashir	10 AIR Punjabi
11 DD Malayalam	11 FM Rainbow
12 DD North East	12 FM Gold
13 DD Oriya	
14 DD Podhigai	
15 DD Punjabi	
16 DD Sahyadri	
17 DD Saptagiri	

Private TV channels

18 Akash Bangla
19 Kairali
20 Jain TV
21 Aaj Tak
22 Headlines Today
23 ETC Punjabi
24 Zee Music
25 MH One
26 Smile TV
27 BBC World
28 Sun TV
29 CNN
30 Star Utsav